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Hunting Season is Here!

CLOVIS, Calif., August 19, 2016 - As hunting season begins, the forest prepares to welcome hunters from areas all over California. Archery season for deer begins August 20th and will run until September 11th. General hunting season begins September 17th and ends October 30th. For more information regarding hunting please visit <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/>.

Currently the Sierra National Forest has limited fire restrictions imposed (see attached Forest Order 05-15-00-16-09). All hunters are reminded to review regulations as they are subject to change annually and to be cautious of other people using the forest.

Falling trees are a severe hazard when traveling in the Sierra National Forest due to the high degree of tree mortality. All visitors are reminded to keep the following things in mind;

- Do not rely solely on cell phones for safety as many areas of the National Forest have no cell phone coverage.
- Bring an ax or a chainsaw to remove fallen trees from roads if you do become trapped.
- When driving in remote areas of the forest, park close to a main road rather than on a spur or one-way section; if trees fall across the road you could become trapped.
- Pitch tents and park vehicles in areas where they will not be hit if trees fall.
- Stay out of the forest when there are strong winds that could blow trees down. If you are already in the forest when the winds pick up, head to a clearing out of reach of potential falling trees.
- Be aware of your surroundings. Avoid dense patches of dead trees. Trees and branches can fall without warning.

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